

the United States; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations, and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

This report is submitted pursuant to 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6) (the "CDA"), as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Public Law 104-114 (March 12, 1996), 110 Stat. 785, 22 U.S.C. 6021-91 (the "LIBERTAD Act"), which requires that I report to the Congress on a semiannual basis detailing payments made to Cuba by any United States person as a result of the provision of telecommunications services authorized by this subsection.

The CDA, which provides that telecommunications services are permitted between the United States and Cuba, specifically authorizes the President to provide for payments to Cuba by license. The CDA states that licenses may be issued for full or partial settlement of telecommunications services with Cuba, but may not require any withdrawal from a blocked account. Following enactment of the CDA on October 23, 1992, a number of U.S. telecommunications companies successfully negotiated agreements to provide telecommunications services between the United States and Cuba consistent with policy guidelines developed by the Department of State and the Federal Communications Commission.

Subsequent to enactment of the CDA, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) amended the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515 (the "CACR"), to provide for specific licensing on a case-by-case basis for certain transactions incident to the receipt or transmission of telecommunications between the United States and Cuba, 31 C.F.R. 515.542(c), including settlement of charges under traffic agreements.

The OFAC has issued eight licenses authorizing transactions incident to the receipt or transmission of telecommunications between the United States and Cuba since the enactment of the CDA. None of these licenses permits payments to the Government of Cuba from a blocked account. For the period January 1 through June 30, 1998, OFAC-licensed U.S. carriers reported payments to the Government of Cuba in settlement of charges under telecommunications traffic agreements as follows:

AT&T Corporation (formerly, American Telephone and Telegraph Company)	\$12,795,658
AT&T de Puerto Rico	292,229
Global One (formerly, Sprint Incorporated)	3,075,733
IDB WorldCom Services, Inc. (formerly, IDB Communications, Inc.)	4,402,634
MCI International, Inc. (formerly, MCI Communications Corporation)	8,468,743
Telefonica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc.	129,752
WilTel, Inc. (formerly, WilTel Underseas Cable, Inc.)	4,983,368

WorldCom, Inc. (formerly, LDDS Communications, Inc.)	5,371,531
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I shall continue to report semiannually on telecommunications payments to the Government of Cuba from United States persons.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 8, 1998.

HONORING HENRY B. GONZALEZ FOR 4½ DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE AND THE PEOPLE OF THE 20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for the balance of the Minority Leader's hour, approximately 51 minutes.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight and requested this special order and share it with a number of our colleagues to pay tribute to our friend and colleague and the Dean of the Texas Congressional Delegation, the distinguished Congressman from 20th Congressional District of Texas, HENRY B. GONZALEZ. It is an honor to be associated with such a great man, and we wish him well in his retirement.

Texas has many colorful and distinguished leaders, some of which have reached the level of legend. HENRY B. GONZALEZ worked in Congress and his dedication to his constituents places him that top category. HENRY B. has been noted as being the last great populist. His tenacity marks his good works. He has been a voice and not a echo, and he has also been known as a fighter.

And I will go on, Mr. Speaker, but I would like to yield to the incoming Dean of the Texas Democrat delegation, my colleague from Dallas, MARTIN FROST.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and colleague, the Dean of the Texas Delegation, HENRY B. GONZALEZ of San Antonio. HENRY is leaving Congress, but in doing so he is leaving behind a legacy of nearly four decades of service to this House and to the people of the 20th Congressional District of Texas.

When HENRY first came to Congress in 1961, he tacked a sign to the door of his office which said, "This office belongs to the people of the 20th Congressional District of Texas."

Throughout his career both here and in Washington and in Texas, HENRY has been a man of the people and a tireless advocate for the less fortunate among us. He has stood tall for the people of the 20th District of Texas by championing affordable housing for all Americans, especially the poor, equal rights for every American regardless of their heritage, and above all decency and honesty in his actions as a public servant.

HENRY is, however, a man of great independence, and he has demonstrated

time and again this willingness to take a stand regardless of which way the political winds might be blowing. He has never been afraid to stake out his own position and defend it regardless of how unpopular it might make him. He is a man of great integrity, and he will be missed.

HENRY B., as he is affectionately known to our delegation and to his constituents, has been in San Antonio for much of this Congress recovering from an illness that may have slowed him down but could not stop him. I am so grateful he has joined us again for these last days of the 105th Congress so that we can all pay tribute to a truly great American.

HENRY, I salute you and wish you well as you return to San Antonio. I know that just because you are not in Congress that your voice will not be silenced. I expect to hear that you have once more found a way to stand up and defend those who cannot do so for themselves.

Via con Dios, mi amigo.

Mr. GREEN. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, Congressman GONZALEZ' outstanding 45 year career of public service and his 38 year career demonstrates his deep commitment to public service and his constituents and his thorough knowledge of the House procedures in his dedication to this House of Representatives. Prior to his election to the House of Representatives in 1961, HENRY B. served as a member of the San Antonio City Council and as City Mayor Pro Tem. He was subsequently elected to the Texas State Senate where he is remembered as a champion of the people. He is revered, known, for leading a 36 hour filibuster against legislation which sought to uphold and facilitate the principles of segregation.

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HENRY B. held the floor of the Texas Senate for 22 hours and 2 minutes finishing shoeless and exhausted but victorious in the late 1950s. He made such an impression on the Texas State Senate that his portrait hangs in the chamber in Austin, Texas. Only one other Member of Congress has ever had their portrait hung in the Chamber of the Texas Senate, the late Barbara Jordan.

HENRY B. was elected to Congress in 1961, and his legislative agenda included housing, the need for lower interest rates, education, adequate energy supply at a reasonable price, more industry for San Antonio, increases in minimum wage, not only as a State Senator in Texas in the 1950s, but also a host of other issues that are important to the people in his community and the people in the State of Texas but also the people of our Nation.

Throughout his service in Congress, HENRY B. has made his mission to force the chief executive to justify any military action. In 1983, Congressman GONZALEZ was the only Member calling for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Lebanon.

He introduced the resolution to this effect and continued to speak out on this issue. Congress should have listened to him, because 3 days after his last statement on the subject, the Beirut bombing occurred.

HENRY B.'s greatest accomplishments are in the area of affordable housing. He insisted on protecting the rights of low income citizens instead of ganging up on them like some people do.

Mr. Speaker, I will go on for a few minutes, but I would like to yield to both a good friend, but also a neighbor of the 20th district in San Antonio, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. RODRIGUEZ).

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to be joining the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST) in this special order today.

We honor not only a colleague, we honor an American hero. It is my honor to offer this tribute on my behalf, on behalf of the San Antonians and the constituents of the 20th Congressional District and the behalf of Texas and the Nation.

Congressman HENRY B. GONZALEZ deserves our praise and has earned our respect and admiration. His story is one that has inspired generations and will likely inspire many more. We all know HENRY B. In San Antonio, all you have to say is HENRY B., and everyone knows who he is. The Honorable HENRY B. GONZALEZ of the 20th Congressional District. His name and his face are known in every household in San Antonio.

In my family, my father would always call him El Compadre GONZALEZ. He was our compadre because we admired him. We respected him, and we knew he had us and our neighbors in his thoughts and his actions. He was like one of our households.

He was also known and we also recognize Congressman GONZALEZ as the first Hispanic from Texas elected to this body. In those days, in San Antonio, it was very much smaller than it is today, and the 20th Congressional District included the entire city of San Antonio.

Let me tell my colleagues that, in those days, as a Mexican-American, to be elected out of San Antonio was an extraordinary action. Those were the days when we were required to have a poll tax and had to pay in order to participate in the elections.

HENRY B. GONZALEZ was an extraordinary man. We know him as the man who stands his ground, who does not shy away from dispute, who holds fast to his values. In so many ways Congressman GONZALEZ's life represents the American dream.

His parents were immigrants from Mexico who fled the violence in the 1911 revolution in Mexico. He worked hard and obtained a college degree and, as my colleagues recall, it is even difficult now for Hispanics to be able to get a degree. At that time, it was more extraordinary because he did it so many years ago.

HENRY B. helped his father and his business and then turned to public service as a probation officer and then as a deputy director of the San Antonio Housing Authority. His passion for the poor and his passion for fighting for equity, his fierce sense of justice became his landmark.

In the early 1950s, HENRY B. made a name for himself in San Antonio as a city councilman, then as a State Senator. In the Texas Senate, he is known as holding the longest filibuster in Texas history, a record that still stands.

His career reflects his passion for civil rights, his fight for the American ideals of equal justice for all. He fought against segregation in the 1950s and helped lead the struggle to pass civil rights laws in the 1960s.

He even dared to oppose the now discredited House Committee on Un-American Activities. As a distinguished member and then chairman of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, HENRY B. made his mark as a champion of the less fortunate and crusader against corruption. The 71 bills he managed as chair included legislation to protect depositors and punish those who sought to cheat the system.

We could list the amount of legislation of his accomplishments, but it would take hours. Our Congressman HENRY B. GONZALEZ represents more than just a list of achievements. He represents those values that we espouse and cherish but rarely realize ourselves. HENRY B. stands for honesty and independence and he embodies the passion for his constituents.

My colleagues, take note, Congressman GONZALEZ has served more than 37 years in this House, and I will tell my colleagues why, because he believes and he stood for those beliefs. He spoke his mind even when it was unpopular to do so. He stood by his constituents even when he faced great challenges. As a song from Frank Sinatra goes, he did it his way.

HENRY B. boasts one other great accomplishment, and we should take note of this. He and his wife Bertha will be celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary next month. They are blessed with 8 children, more than 20 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

I look forward to working next year with Charlie Gonzalez when he joins us as a representative of the 20th Congressional District.

Compadre GONZALEZ, I am honored to serve in this great House with you. We will miss you, and I know that we will not forget you. You will be in our minds.

I want to take this opportunity to quote a couple of items from the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Ortiz) as he has given me a couple of things to say.

One of the items that he mentions is he remembers HENRY B. GONZALEZ, both not only in terms of as we recognize him tonight, but as a lifetime of service to this country.

We must admire a man who hails soft and punches a fellow in his face in a restaurant because he has called him a Communist. HENRY B. tells it like it is. He has been a bur on the saddle of the Presidents that have gone before us.

He has occasionally annoyed his colleagues with his never-give-up attitude. He is much loved. He has been much loved throughout his career by his constituents friends and those of us who have had the privilege of serving with him.

Congressman ORTIZ continues by saying I remember a friend telling me that she was a little girl whose mother worked with HENRY B. on his first campaign, and she recalled the raw excitement about the campaigns that HENRY B. used to have, and elated about the victory.

She was also so proud when she and her mother was invited to Washington to see him sworn in. She did not make it, and she said she still had little, was a little angry because they were not able to attend. But she recalls she came up here to Washington in the 1980s at a dinner one night and talks about the fact that, as she went up to Congressman ORTIZ, he asked her, you know, who would you like to meet, the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House, a movie star. Well she just said and looked, I would just want to meet HENRY GONZALEZ. She finally got to meet HENRY. And as she recalls, she had tears in her eyes.

With that, I just want to just indicate, Congressman GONZALEZ, you have been a role model to me and for many others I know. I admire you for your integrity, your convictions, your strong work ethic, your dedication to your constituents.

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Thank you for your service and your dedication. Muchas gracias.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I would like to recognize that our good friend and colleague, HENRY B. GONZALEZ, has joined us on the floor of the House, and tonight, a number of Members are using the remainder of this hour to talk about his achievements and pay both honor and respect to him for his many years in service, not just in Congress, but also to the people of Texas as a city council member, a State senator, and later on this evening I will read from some articles that we have received over the years on HENRY B.

As Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, he led the efforts to repair the savings and loan industry and help stop the crisis from spreading to our banks by overhauling the deposit insurance system. Congressman GONZALEZ has been a burr under the Federal Reserve saddle for many years. He is responsible for the Fed's shift to a restricted money policy and for the release of monetary policy proceedings.

HENRY B. GONZALEZ has been a crusader on behalf of our environment. In

1990, the American General Insurance Company wanted to build a \$2.5 billion tourist attraction on the Padre Island National Seashore, which we consider a Texas treasure. Through intense lobbying, they attempted to exclude Padre Island from the protection of the Coastal Barrier Act, known as our Wetlands Act. HENRY B., using his influence and power of persuasion, saved this beachfront for its natural beauty for the next generations of Texans.

I find it awkward, Mr. Speaker, for me to be standing here as a third-term Member of Congress, because as a State House member in the 1970s and the 1980s, I used to consider HENRY B. the king of the Special Orders, because I watched him many times extolling the problems that he saw for our country. Again, just like I mentioned earlier, in requiring the President to get the permission of Congress before having our troops in foreign military action in the case of Lebanon, he introduced a resolution, and again, Congress should have listened to him because 3 days after Congressman GONZALEZ' last statement was the loss of lives of the marines in Beirut.

I have a lot I would like to talk about this evening, but I would like to yield to my colleague, another colleague from Texas, Congressman JIM TURNER, who again served with me in the State senate and enjoyed the portrait in the State Capitol. I mentioned earlier there are only 2 State senators who have their portrait in the State Capitol: HENRY B. GONZALEZ, this gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER), and also Barbara Jordan, who is your contemporary and whom you served with.

I would like to yield time to my colleague from Texas (Mr. TURNER).

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for leading us in this Special Order this evening honoring our dear friend and colleague, HENRY B. GONZALEZ. I, much like the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN), as I was a younger man and I heard the name, HENRY B. GONZALEZ, a name that always stood for a man who worked hard in the Congress for little people.

I know that HENRY comes from a background where he understood how important it is for someone to have affordable housing. He came from a background that understood that quality education was the key to moving up in life. It is an honor for me to stand here tonight as a freshman member of this body and honor a colleague and friend who has served over four decades in these halls.

HENRY B. had what many might consider a very daunting and difficult task in that he served as dean of the congressional delegation from Texas, oftentimes a rowdy group. But my colleague from Texas rose to that occasion and led because of his many years of experience in these halls.

The congressional career of HENRY B. GONZALEZ is indeed a distinguished one, both in terms of his longevity and

in terms of his accomplishments. He was first Mexican-American elected to serve the State of Texas in the United States House of Representatives, the son of Mexican immigrants. HENRY B. GONZALEZ served Texans in the Texas State Senate as well as in the U.S. House, and he went on to serve three terms as chairman of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. His work to overhaul the deposit insurance system and to repair the savings and loan industry were instrumental to the banking industry and to the consumers of this country.

He was a vocal advocate for affordable housing, and he worked for many, many years for lower income American families to ensure that they had access to safe quality housing. He knew how important it was for someone to have a place that they could call home, a place that they could live in with pride. He knew what it meant for American families to be able to enjoy the benefits of homeownership.

HENRY B. GONZALEZ has always been a fighter. He never turned his back when he knew there was an issue of importance that he needed to stand up for. He had that kind of reputation in this Congress; he had that reputation in Texas; he had that reputation in his community.

I salute a great American, a great Texan, Congressman HENRY B. GONZALEZ. I thank you, HENRY, for your years of service, for your leadership, for your compassion on behalf of the issues that you knew were important to the little people in this country. For the people who did not have a voice, you spoke for them. For that, we are eternally grateful.

We are sorry to see you leave our ranks. We will miss you as a friend, we will miss your leadership in this body, and I share with my colleagues our congratulations to you for your distinguished service, and we wish you well in your new ventures along the way.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, and reclaiming my time, as Democratic Members of the House, we are well aware of HENRY B.'s efforts on behalf of the Democratic party for many years. He was an articulate spokesman in presidential politics since 1960 when he served as the national cochair of the Viva Kennedy campaign.

I first remember reading about Congressman GONZALEZ because I admired him so long before I met him. In 1956, he was elected to a 4-year term in the Texas State Senate, becoming the first Mexican-American to gain a seat in that body in 110 years. He soon attracted international attention when, with a colleague, he staged the longest filibuster in the history of Texas. There were 10 race bills under consideration in which Senator GONZALEZ at that time opposed. He said at the time, and I quote, "It may be some kind of chloroform for their conscience, but if we fear long enough, we hate, and if we hate long enough, we fight."

Eight of the bills were defeated because of Senator GONZALEZ. One of those passed was later declared unconstitutional, and in 5 years in the Texas Senate, he clearly identified with the poor, opposing sales taxes and rising tuition costs, while favoring some clearance and controls on lobbyists long before it was in vogue.

I am proud to honor HENRY B. GONZALEZ. When I was running for Congress in 1992 in my district in the east end and north side of Houston, I had a number of people who had served as precinct judges for many years in my community, and they would come up to me and say, if all you ever do is walk in the shadow of HENRY B. GONZALEZ and walk in his footsteps, that is the kind of Congressman we want you to be.

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That was such a great honor. I say to the gentleman from Texas, HENRY B., I have some constituents who are the gentleman's longtime friends, A.V. Almos is still a precinct judge, and Cruz Injos and his family. We have a group called the Old Timers Club which has been meeting for many years, and they were part of the nucleus of the group in 1961 when you ran for the U.S. Senate and made it a close race.

With that, I tell the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GONZALEZ), we are glad to share this night with him.

Let me talk about one of HENRY B. GONZALEZ's famous stands. He wanted to be a voice and not an echo. On a recent Friday afternoon, HENRY B. GONZALEZ received a standing ovation from his colleagues who not only heard his speech, but they cheered him afterwards. HENRY was caught by some tricky parliamentary maneuver. A Republican Member of Congress, angry at the Democrats' tactics, unexpectedly moved to adjourn. Now in the minority, we understand how that happens, Mr. Speaker.

With his speech in hand, our Texas congressman demanded a rollcall. Surprised colleagues showed up and voted 213 to 99 to let Congressman GONZALEZ speak. When the Chair finally recognize him, Congressman GONZALEZ responded, "Mr. Speaker, overwhelmed by the popular demand to be heard," and the Chamber was filled with laughter.

Before launching into his attacks lambasting President Reagan for his actions in Grenada, Congressman GONZALEZ explained why he spoke so frequently, often several times a week. A House member, he said, has only two real powers: one is to register his vote, and the other one is his voice. Congressman GONZALEZ has been a voice and not an echo.

Congressman GONZALEZ at that time assured his colleagues that speechmaking did not evolve after House activities becoming televised. In fact, he claims the heart of his district was still without cable, because at that time it was only cable coverage. Now

we have C-Span, but back at that time there was only cable.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Austin, Texas (Mr. DOGGETT), who also served in the State Senate. It is almost an alumni club. In fact, the gentleman was in Senate when Congressman GONZALEZ's portrait was hung in 1976.

Mr. DOGGETT. I was, indeed, Mr. Speaker. We will soon have enough for kind of a quorum here of the Texas State Senate, as we gather here not on the banks of the Colorado but on the banks of the Potomac, to honor someone whose effects on Americans has stretched across this great Nation.

It is certainly fitting that we would gather here to do that on what is called Special Orders, because I know even in my short time here in Congress, I have seen Congressman GONZALEZ come and make use of special orders to convey a message, perhaps to a few Members assembled at the moment here in the House, but to convey a message all across America to alert the country to some particular problem on which we needed additional focus, and to remind the Members of their duty to the ordinary people of this country who have made it the greatest land in the world.

I think that it is undoubted that the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HENRY B. GONZALEZ) is leaving an indelible mark, not only on this institution, the United States House of Representatives, but on our entire country.

Some would point, as my colleague, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) has done, in providing leadership here tonight for this special order, to his triumphs in banking and housing. Others remember him as a champion of open government, and our friend, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. BARNEY FRANK), refers to his demystifying, if that can be done, of the Federal Reserve Bank more than anybody in history. It is still a little bit of a mystery, but he has made some good headway on it.

All of us know that HENRY B. Is a man of extraordinary principle, unparalleled courage, and of dogged determination. Some would probably say if it is dogged determination, it is bull-headed determination. But he was in there, willing to do what was right, no matter whether there was anybody else willing to stand with him or not.

In 1994, in recognition of his courage, the prestigious Profile in Courage award was presented to Congressman GONZALEZ as a shining example of public service that was epitomized in the book "Profiles in Courage," that the late President Kennedy authored, described as one "... whose abiding loyalty to their Nation triumphed over all personal and political considerations, who showed the real meaning of courage, and a real faith in democracy." I think that is a good summary of the career of Congressman GONZALEZ. It expresses our feelings, I know, from Texas about him.

He received this award for initiating a series of spectacular hearings on the

savings and loan crisis, and writing sweeping legislation to try to clean up the chaos and reform this industry.

He was also honored by this award for his courageous investigation into the sale of U.S. arms to Iraq by top officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations. It took courage to stand and do that when many others were trying to brush the lies and the conspiracy aside, and he did that, and all of America is the beneficiary.

As one previous recipient of the Profiles in Courage award remarked, "For the scientist, the moment is the Nobel; for the journalist, it is the Pulitzer; the actor, the Oscar; but for those in government, it is the Kennedy, and it is with that high award that Congressman GONZALEZ has received special recognition.

When placed in the context of his total public service career, beginning with his successful campaign as a college student to bring public housing to San Antonio, it is almost impossible to determine which accomplishment is the most significant.

But knowing him as we do from Texas, I think we have to agree that one accomplishment that we have not yet discussed tonight ranks very high in a very special way. That is that he was able to balance his service to other people's families and other children around this country with being a good father and having a family of some eight children.

What can be more fitting than the legacy of HENRY B. GONZALEZ, that as he departs Washington, one of his sons will be coming to join us in this body. Charlie GONZALEZ I knew as a Member of the Texas judiciary during my service on the Supreme Court, and prior to that time. I know that he has been a teacher, a legal aid worker, and a district judge, and that, like his father, he is passionate about public service.

I salute Congressman GONZALEZ for the role that he has played, not only as a public servant but as a father and a family leader who lived the values that he has preached and recognized from this forum and across the country.

When we look back on his career, as the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) has done in reminding us of what Texas was like in the 1950s, and how very tough it was to go as the first Mexican-American into what was an all-male and all-Anglo Texas Senate, and in one of the times of that Senate which is not one in which we can see any particular pride, when there were some people there who were unwilling to accept opportunity for all of our citizens, who were insistent on passing a set of laws to oppose the whole concept that the Supreme Court had advanced of equality of opportunity in our school system, that Congressman GONZALEZ stood and would not let that tide of bigotry overwhelm him and overwhelm the people of Texas, but he stood as one force for the people, for equality, for equal opportunity.

As we reflect on his historic role in Texas and in this entire country, I

think it is important to remember that he never forgot that while he pulled himself up by his bootstraps, that there were many other people out there who had no boots.

He has fought for those people, he has fought for America. He is a man with the courage of his convictions to do what is right, and Texas will lose not only the dean of our delegation with his departure from Washington, but we will lose someone who has set the very highest standards for integrity, for determination, and for making government work for all of us.

"I do not know where we will be without HENRY B.," is I am sure something that is being said in many parts of Texas. But we know that he will provide, by his example of leadership, a model that we will follow and emulate in the years ahead.

I want to thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for his leadership in doing this tonight, because I think it is really historic to record the accomplishments and the contributions of our colleague, HENRY B. GONZALEZ. I consider it one of my greatest honors here in Congress to serve with a man of his caliber and character.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleague from Travis County, Austin, Texas, and a great friend. We served together, and I was a State representative when he was in the State Senate in 1976, when Congressman GONZALEZ portrait was hung.

Let me quote: At that time Governor Dolph Briscoe called Congressman GONZALEZ a truly dedicated public servant, and said he is gaining more influence yearly in the Texas delegation. He said, there are two types of Congressmen, and to this day that is still true. One is a show horse and the other is a workhorse, Governor Briscoe said, and certainly Congressman GONZALEZ is a workhorse. I think that is a tribute not only in 1976, but also in 1998 to Congressman GONZALEZ.

There are lots of great stories on HENRY B. that I have learned over my lifetime in Texas. One of them is his first run for Congress in 1961.

Coming off the Viva Kennedy co-chair on a national basis, at that time Vice President Lyndon Johnson insisted he would not become involved in trying to tell the Baird County voters how to vote.

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And after that, he issued a strong endorsement of Congressman GONZALEZ's candidacy in the San Antonio Express. The doors slammed shut for all practical purposes on Congressman GONZALEZ' Democratic opponent. Vice President Johnson then neutralized the other opponents by his endorsement.

So, again, HENRY B. you run with lots of folks in Texas who I have admired for many years, including Vice President and President Lyndon Johnson.

HENRY B. has been known for his tenacity. We know that because it has been said tonight about his tenacity on

special orders, but tenacity on issue after issue. It came as a surprise to some of us, but part of HENRY B.'s success and tenacity is that he introduced a bill in 1965 to provide \$50,000 survivor's benefits for law enforcement agents and firemen killed in the line of duty. Eleven years later, after the riots in the 1960s, this became law.

HENRY B. has been derided by opponents for the speeches he makes to an almost empty Chamber of the House. The Congressman has made in the neighborhood of thousands of speeches. In 1984, he had given 2,200 speeches in the House at that time in 23 years, making him the most prolific speaker in the House. His speeches under special orders are duly recorded in the Congressional Quarterly and his newsletters to his constituents. That was before C-SPAN, before we had nationwide coverage. Congressman GONZALEZ was there making sure that his constituents were heard and he was representing his job as a Member of Congress.

He is productive by the number of bills that he passed in Congress. Many times other Members from Texas could not pass legislation, but Congressman GONZALEZ was the chief bill-passer in the State of Texas for Members of Congress. Again, that is a challenge some of us would like to be.

Congressman GONZALEZ, and again, my honor to him is he is considered one of the last great populists. It is a classic performance. A man better known as HENRY B. or simply as HBG. Depending on who you ask he is either feisty, colorful or combative, or an eccentric that is looked upon with tolerance.

But for his constituents in Texas, he has been a fighter and a populist for their needs and their desires for many years in Congress. We talked about his serving in the Senate and fighting the race-baiting bills in the late 1950s. But he also introduced the first minimum wage bill in the State Senate and it was 40 cents an hour in the 1950s. It is just an honor that I had the opportunity during my three terms of Congress to serve with him.

Congressman GONZALEZ' individuality has paid a price. Although widely revered in San Antonio and an icon in Texas, he is sometimes known in Congress as a loner and a maverick who charts his own course. And I do not think there is a better honor to you than that you are your own man, and you have been for 45 years in public service.

He speaks out on issues. He is one that never is hesitant to stand up for both his ideas, but also the people he represents.

Many years ago, and this has happened a number of times, I have admired him for being a fighter for his constituents. In 1963, there was a time when a Representative Foreman from Odessa was outside the House Chamber and accused Congressman GONZALEZ of being a "communist" and a "pinko,"

and Congressman GONZALEZ challenged him. And those stories are endless.

I remember one story when I was in the House of Representatives in Austin when HENRY B. was in a restaurant in San Antonio and someone at the next table called him a communist and he got up and decked that person.

Obviously, he represents Texas very well and a lot of us have learned many things, both in his feistiness, but also in his beliefs. He will stand by his beliefs and fight for his beliefs. And he has done so many great things. Let me mention just one thing.

In 1968, I was in college and I had the opportunity to go to San Antonio. My wife and I were not married at that time, but both of us were University of Houston students. And, of course, at that time one would not go out of town overnight with their best girl. My wife and I got on a bus from Houston and took the bus from Houston to San Antonio Texas to go to the HemisFair, and HemisFair was in San Antonio because of Congressman GONZALEZ. And it brought international acclaim and literally opened up the city, and I am still proud to go to San Antonio today and see the HENRY B. GONZALEZ Courthouse that is in the HemisFair grounds that he triumphed back in his first years in Congress.

There are so many stories, Mr. Speaker, but not only Members from Texas but Members who served with Congressman GONZALEZ on the Committee on Banking, the Members of the Hispanic Caucus.

I am proud to honor a man who has worked and improved the quality of life for men and women not just in his district and not just in the State of Texas, but throughout our country. I have been fortunate and we have been fortunate to have a Member like HENRY B. GONZALEZ to serve as our colleague, our friend, and our Dean of the Texas delegation.

Before I close, I would like to mention his wife of 58 years, Bertha Cuellar Gonzalez, originally from Floresville, but 58 years of marriage. I thought my wife and I at 28 years had been married many years, but hopefully we will make 58. Fifty-eight years of marriage and love.

The reason HENRY B. could not come back earlier was because he knows who the boss is in our households, and his wife was making sure that HENRY B.'S health was well enough for him to come back and continue his duties as a Member of Congress. Both the love of your wife and family, and also the love of your fellow Members of Congress and your constituents is the best tribute more than we can ever say here on the floor of this House.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by saying that if I could just walk in his shadow and fill part of his shoes, I will consider myself to be a successful Member of Congress.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to participate in today's tribute to the Honorable HENRY B. GONZALEZ.

A maverick, a pioneer, a man of conviction—there aren't too many people I would use these words to describe. The deal of our delegation, however, is one such individual.

Our distinguished dean came to the House of Representatives in 1961, before any other Hispanics were elected from the State of Texas.

He laid the foundation for those of us who have since followed.

For all you have done—for your constituents—for the Hispanic community—for the underprivileged—for all Americans—I want to say thank you.

In the brief time I have been in Congress, I unfortunately have not had the good fortune to be able to work closely with you. But I am well acquainted with your remarkable achievements.

It is because of the commitment you have always demonstrated that I know why it is so important to work tirelessly for the causes and issues we believe in.

You have taught us why we must be dedicated to the pursuit of excellence.

You have shown how goals are, indeed, attainable, but not always easy to achieve.

More importantly, you have shown that within each and every one of us there is the potential to make a real difference in the world we live in, but that to make such a difference, one must be involved.

Chairman GONZALEZ, you have made Congress a better place—you have made Texas a better place—and you have made America a better place.

I began my remarks by saying you were a maverick, a pioneer, a man of conviction. I want to close them by saying it would be more accurate to say you are indeed a legend.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I am especially pleased to join with my colleagues in honoring the renowned dean of the Texas delegation, the Honorable HENRY B. GONZALEZ of the Twentieth District of that great state.

My colleagues, as the long-time Chairman of the Banking Committee, HENRY was well known for his tough stance during the savings and loan investment scandals, and for his many attempts to consolidate banking regulations. His wide-ranging and perceptive special orders on international banking practices and malpractices could well constitute in themselves an indispensable textbook on the history of modern financial structures, consortia, monopolies, trusts, etc. Surely HENRY ought to be welcomed back to the University of Texas or to St. Mary's University in a special chair as professor of economics. Our present loss in his departure, then, would be a real gain for young Texas students.

The people of Texas can attest to HENRY'S strong record in support of civil rights and especially in developing housing programs for the poor. His colleagues in Congress know that whatever this hard-working Texan was determined to do, it was done with dedication and a kind of dogged perseverance which could well be emulated by many of those of us who will remain in the House.

In many ways HENRY has been a kind of grand institution on this Hill, a genial father figure for many younger members; and those of us on the other side of the aisle have long come to respect him as a man of determined principle and especially as one whom we know to have served his district constituents admirably well. Obviously San Antonio will be

glad to see more of HENRY in his retirement, but we hope that we, too, will be able once in a while see him on the House floor renewing friendships and giving wise counsel to those of us still struggling with the complexities of legislation, and worrying, as he so often did, about what is best for all Americans.

HENRY, we wish you the very best in your self-deserved retirement in that exciting city of San Antonio—your town—and we have to say that it has been more than a privilege to have been your colleague during all these interesting and important years, when your judgment and dedication contributed so much to what we all have accomplished. God bless, HENRY GONZALEZ, and Godspeed.

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank these gentlemen for taking the time to honor a giant of Texas politics, HENRY B. GONZALEZ.

To see the future, you must stand on the shoulders of giants. I, and many Texans elected after HENRY GONZALEZ was elected, have seen the future—and the future promises more Hispanics to Congress from Texas.

This giant has been an inspiration for young men and women who aspire to excellence in public office. Young HENRY GONZALEZ, who learned business at his father's side, has spent virtually his entire life in public service.

He is a maverick who, while recognizing the significance of being the first Hispanic elected to national office from Texas, respectfully declined to be labeled only as a Hispanic during his term of service. Realizing the importance of being part of the mainstream in the United States, he wanted only to be known as a legislator, and as a Texan.

We remember him as both those things tonight, and we thank him for the lifetime of service he gave to our country. You must admire a man who hauls off and punches a fellow in the face in a restaurant because he called him a communist.

HENRY B.'s tell-it-like-it-is-style has been a burr under the saddle of presidents; he has occasionally annoyed his colleagues with a never-give-up-attitude; and he is much loved, and has been much lived, throughout his career by his constituents, friends and those of us who have been privileged to serve as his colleagues in this august body.

I remember a friend telling me that she was a little girl whose mother worked in HENRY B.'s first campaign and she recalled the raw excitement about the campaign, and the elation of the victory. She was so proud when she and her mother were invited to Washington to see him sworn in. Well, she didn't make it and she said she's still a little mad at her mom for coming here without her.

She came up here to work in Washington in the 1980s and at dinner one night, I asked her who she would like to meet—the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House, a movie star—Well, she wanted to meet HENRY GONZALEZ. She finally got to meet HENRY GONZALEZ, and she had tears in her eyes after they spoke.

There is not a way to qualify your legacy, mi amigo. You served your country well and showed all of those who followed you the path to success. Thank you.

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to a friend, a colleague, and a great American. After a highly distinguished career in public service, representing San Antonio, Texas, HENRY B. GONZALEZ will be retiring from Congress at the end of the year.

In 1961, HENRY GONZALEZ began his congressional career with a bang—becoming the first Mexican-American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the State of Texas. HENRY never allowed this institution to shape his thoughts and actions. He was always his own man fighting the good fight.

Mr. Speaker, when I was first elected to the House in 1982, HENRY GONZALEZ had already made his mark on this august body. His leadership on a variety of national issues affecting his constituents, the Hispanic community in general, and the nation as a whole are legendary.

During his congressional tenure, HENRY served as chairman of the committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs from 1989 to 1994. In his capacity as chairman, HENRY successfully promoted legislation guaranteeing depositors a safe place to put their savings. He championed measures facilitating small business access to credit and strengthened the laws against money laundering and bank fraud.

Under his leadership, the Banking Committee held countless number of hearings on the Bush administration's pre-war Iraq policy. HENRY vigorously investigated the scandal, involving the Bank of Commerce and Credit International, and he took the lead in shedding light on the savings and loan debacle of the 1980's.

Throughout his distinguished public service, HENRY has championed the causes of urban and economic development, affordable housing and civil rights. I'm certain that HENRY must have broken the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for endurance on special orders. I vividly remember how he would tirelessly take to the floor night after night exposing government incompetence, waste and abuse.

I salute you HENRY. I salute your integrity and leadership. You will be sorely missed.

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute today and participate in this special order for Representative HENRY B. GONZALEZ. From one retiring Member of Congress to another, I would like to wish him the best of luck in whatever lies ahead of him. May HENRY's life be in retirement as fruitful as it has been these last 37 years as a Member of Congress. HENRY B. GONZALEZ is an honorable man of impeccable character who has served as a role model for Latinos across the nation, including me. He served as Chairman of the Banking Committee and helped assure his constituency and Latinos across the nation were well served in his committee. Under his chairmanship, sound public policy, ranging from guaranteeing depositors a safe place to put their savings to reauthorizing federal housing laws were written and passed.

What can I say is the most remarkable thing about HENRY B? I can say that he had an unstoppable fighting spirit and a well developed sense of independence. HENRY B. will always stand for his causes, even if he stands alone. He will literally fight for what he thinks is right, and we all know that to be a fact. He is a great man to admire and emulate, and he will be missed.

HENRY B. GONZALEZ has been, to me and the other members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, what we call in Spanish a "padrino," a godfather. In Mexican heritage a "padrino" is the person bestowed with the honor of looking after a child and be responsible for the good and moral upbringing of that

child. As the "padrino," HENRY B. is the one we came to for advice when we wanted to do something, and the one we came to for help when we did it wrong. As a Member of Congress, I am what I am because of HENRY B., all his advice, and my secret desire to emulate him. HENRY, you raised us well. HENRY, I tried my best to emulate you and I hope you're proud of me.

HENRY, I wish the best of luck to you, Bertha, your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Goodby and godspeed.

HENRY B., we will miss you. We will miss your tenacity, your fighter spirit, your independence. But you have set a course for a lot of us who are now serving in Congress to try to follow in your footsteps.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BERMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) after 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for Friday, October 9, and the balance of the week on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CLAY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MINGE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. HARMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LAFALCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SKAGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SAXTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PITTS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SANFORD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. ROUKEMA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EHLERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TALENT, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. HYDE, and to include therein extraneous material, notwithstanding